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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

This letter is intended to express my concern over the delay in the settlement of the Microsoft case. This federal antitrust action is nearly four years old and the object of near continuous litigation and negotiation. The present settlement proposal, reached through mediation, has been accepted by the main parties and all but the most virulent of Microsoft's adversaries. I think it's high time to lay this matter to rest.

The present plan calls for Microsoft to open up its Windows systems to more ready use by non-Microsoft software and computer manufacturers. Microsoft will have to license its Windows systems products to the major computer manufacturers at uniform terms. Microsoft has also agreed to share some of its technology with competitors. And Microsoft has agreed to submit its future activities to review by a new government oversight committee. In short, Microsoft is willing to substantially change its operating philosophy. In return, Microsoft will remain one corporate entity.

We need Microsoft in one piece, on its feet and fighting to reinvigorate our economy and lead the crucial IT industry. Please support this agreement.

PS: Remember where Microsoft started, in a garage in The United States of America. Does not matter how much Bill gates made; he also made the computer easy to use. Which not only employs a lot of people at Microsoft, but how about every one in the industry that sell computers & work on them? Bill Gates should be given a medal instead of a slap in the face! This crap about Microsoft is all about jealousy, as an American as a X-Serviceman USN ,and a retired Police Officer I back up Microsoft

Sincerely, Rudolph Muller

